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S.B. No. 1879

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the allocation of certain grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 434.017, Government Code, is amended by adding Subsections (c-1) and (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-1) Every four years, the commission shall:

(1) conduct a needs assessment to identify the specific high-priority needs of veterans and the services available to address those needs;

(2) determine the grant categories that correspond to the needs identified under Subdivision (1); and

(3) identify any discrepancy between the needs identified under Subdivision (1) and the services available to address those needs.

(c-2) On completion of the needs assessment and other determinations under Subsection (c-1), the commission shall incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations into the commission's process for awarding grants from the fund for veterans' assistance.

SECTION 2. Not later than June 1, 2016, the Texas Veterans Commission shall conduct the initial needs assessment, make determinations, and incorporate the results of the assessment and determinations as required by Sections 434.017(c-1) and (c-2),

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1 Government Code, as added by this Act.

2 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.